

EVENTS . . .

The Glasgow Show July 26-27

This years Glasgow Show is taking place in Glasgow Green on July 26 - 27. We are looking for Friends groups to form part of the friends area within the Floral Zone marquee if you are interested in booking a space contact

Derek Wells, Assistant Horticultural Officer on 0141 287 7028, email Derek.wells@ls.glasgow.gov.uk. To be sure of a space please book before 11th July.

Doors Open Days 2008 Glasgow's Pan –City, Multicultural, Built Heritage Festival 15th –21st September

This event, first established in 1990 and inspired by European Heritage Days, grows from strength to strength. This year, due to popular demand, the event is now a weeklong series of walks, talks, conferences and openings of buildings (many not normally open). This is the opportunity to showcase Glasgow's marvellous built heritage and to get everyone involved.

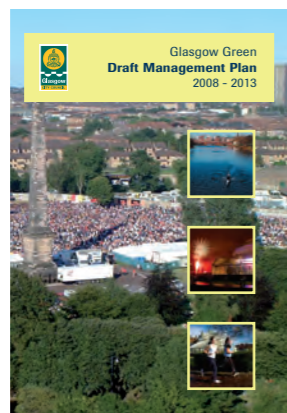
Glasgow Building Preservation Trust, who organise the event, want this year's to be better than ever. Rosie Elliot, the event co-ordinator, said "we are especially keen to involve everyone in the community, particularly the many "Friends of" groups that have developed to promote and protect parks and buildings".

If you have events you would like to showcase please contact Rosie Elliot on 0141 221 6061 or email rosie@gbpt.org

Future Publications

Land and Environmental Services are preparing a Park Management Plan for Glasgow Green.

This plan will be out for consultation very soon on the council website and local libraries. It is the Council's objective to roll this out to various parks including Bellahouston Park, Pollok Country Park, Kelvingrove Park and Botanic Gardens.



Historic Glasgow event 17th and 18th September

This years Historic Glasgow event is built upon the success of the last two events which have led to successful networking between community groups, council services and partners. It is intended that the 3rd Historic Glasgow event will give the public the opportunity to foster links with many agencies throughout the city that have an interest in the city's history and archaeology through the built and natural environment. This year's event aims to encourage greater links with other heritage partnerships and their September events, such as, Scottish Archaeology month, Doors Open Day and Built Heritage week.

The theme of the 3rd event will be 'archaeology in the city', which will highlight past, present and future archaeology excavations and projects i.e. M74 Public Archaeology Programme, European Roman Frontiers –Antonine Wall, World Heritage Bid and Doomsterhill, Govan.

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Glasgow has a wide range of events planned for this summer through to the end of the year. For further details go to www.glasgow.gov.uk/parks

Also being prepared by the Land and Environmental Services Parks Development team is a new 'Friends of Glasgow Parks Guide and Information Pack'.

This will include an updated guide for establishing a friends group, how to register for charitable status, a case study on one of Glasgow's Friends groups and information on funding. This should be available in the summer 2008.

If you would like further information on this pack or are aware of anyone interested in forming a Friends group please contact

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Look out for the next issue featuring Glasgow Botanic Gardens



Friends of Glasgow Parks Issue 1 Summer 2008 news



Welcome to the first issue of the Friends of Glasgow Parks News

Glasgow has 24 Friends and park user groups who are enthusiastic groups of people who volunteer their time and effort to improve the city's green-spaces and act as an important link between the City Council, the Park Managers and various different groups of park users. It is envisaged that this newsletter will be published half yearly and will inform you of what is happening in Glasgow's parks.

For links to all parks and current Friend's groups go to www.glasgow.gov.uk/parks_outdoors

Glasgow Green

Glasgow Green is by far the oldest park in Glasgow. In 1450, James (ii) granted the lands of Glasgow Green to William Turnbull, Bishop of Glasgow. The common lands of the green were used by the people of Glasgow for washing, bleaching linen, grazing cattle, drying fishing nets and for swimming.

For centuries it functioned as the city's only green public open space. The park bears the thumb print of many custodians and it was under their influences that the swampy flood plain crossed by the Camlachie and Molendinar Burns were converted into a levelled field/parkland.

The current layout of Glasgow Green dates back to 1828 when major landscape works were completed reinforcing the Green's status as Glasgow's peoples park. The park is laid out in a formal style with large areas of maintained amenity grass linked by a comprehensive network of tarmac paths, carriageways and a long distance cycle route. The majority of the parks mature trees have been lost over the past 30 years, so many of the existing trees have not yet reached full maturity. The main visitor attraction within the park is the People's Palace and Winter Garden which opened in 1898.



The People's Palace is the main social history museum in Glasgow. The adjoining Winter Gardens have a large display of temperate semi tropical plants located adjacent to a café/restaurant.

Immediately to the front of the People's Palace is the spectacular Doulton Fountain, originally gifted to Glasgow for the International Exhibition of 1888 in Kelvingrove Park. The Doulton Fountain is the largest terracotta Fountain in the world, gifted by Sir Henry Doulton. It was relocated to Glasgow green in 1890 and subsequently re-erected to its current new site following a £3.75 million refurbishment, superbly restored, sits as the new centrepiece of a new civic setting fronting the People's Palace.

In recent centuries, events have taken place on the Green that continue to touch the lives of millions worldwide. The Green boasts a purpose built events space capable of holding major national and international events, all within walking distance from the city centre. These include The Glasgow Show, World Pipe Band Championship, Great Scottish Run, Annual Fireworks Display, Music events, rowing regattas and charity events.

NEWS, VIEWS, OPIONS - Write to the Project Officers

If you have any good news stories, views or opinions you would like to share for the next edition, send in your comments, images or suggestions to the Project Officers, Ian Fraser and Alex Morrison at

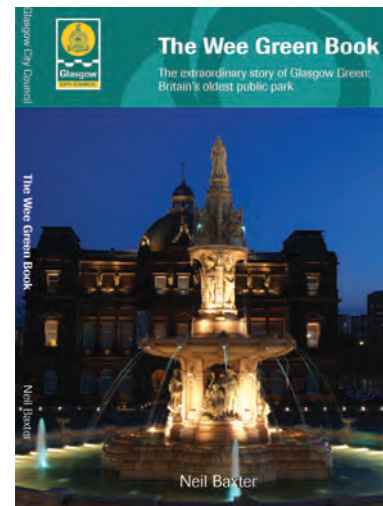
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A key outcome of the Glasgow Green Renewal project is that Glasgow Green has shed its former negative image and is now considered to be safe, welcoming, busy and a place to visit.

To find out more about Glasgow Green's heritage and explore Glasgow's oldest public space there's a range of material to choose from.

The 'Wee Green Book'

by Neil Baxter (with Donny O'Rourke)



One of the outstanding aspects of this project has been the research and writing about the truly extraordinary history of Glasgow Green, Britain's oldest Park.

"The Wee Green Book' is a treasure trove of information and a 'must-read' for anyone who has an interest in Glasgow's fantastic heritage.

Copies are available at the Peoples Palace, Waterstones, Borders and can be bought on line.

www.seeglasgow.com/glasgowgreen
(price £4.99 plus postage and packaging in the UK).

Heritage Trails

There are 4 Heritage Trails in Glasgow Green to explore contained in these leaflets produced by Glasgow City Council

Buildings & Monuments

Greenery

History & Renewal

Gateways

Pick up a copy at Peoples Palace or visit
www.glasgow.gov.uk/parks_outdoors



Friends of Glasgow Green

Friends of . . . Glasgow Green

A 'Friends' group formed and was launched in the Winter Gardens on Thursday 31 May 2007.

The environment into which the Friends of Glasgow Green is being born could not be more positive and will help establish and sustain the organisation.

Looking back over history the Green has enjoyed the protection of 'Friends' and 'Saviours' over the centuries particularly when it was under threat. At these times a Glasgow Green Resistance Movement seemed to create itself to protect the common lands.

Anyone interested in joining the Friends group please contact Johnhughes50@yahoo.co.uk

The Weavers (Abercromby Street)

The Friends group was formally launched in the Winter Gardens on Thursday 15th May 2007

The group's aims are to support and promote all aspects of the Weaving industry and raise the profile of Abercromby cemetery.

The famous Calton Weavers strike of 1787 was Glasgow's first recorded strike, where six weavers were killed. These first martyrs are buried in the Calton, in the graveyard in Abercromby Street.

Anyone interested in joining the Friends group please contact Joanna Moore at moore585@btinternet.com

Achievements

Friends of Groups Projects 2007

The Friends of Linn Park were successful in applying to the Heritage Lottery 'Awards for All' scheme to provide information cabinets for Linn Park. They have purchased four cabinets which will be placed at each entrance to the park. The cabinet has two glass cases one of which will display a map of the park and the other will be used to display information about the park, friends group and any events etc.

Glasgow groups go for Lottery Millions

Two exciting friends of Glasgow's Parks groups from the East End of Glasgow reached the final stages of the Big Lottery, Peoples Millions competition.

The Friends of Provan Hall and the Friends of Tollcross Park worked closely with Glasgow City Council to bring their projects to life. Both won a place on the final list of projects going forward to the public vote in 2007.

The Provan Hall scheme would involve an archaeological investigation into the history, including the built form of the hall. Early indications by the National Trust for Scotland and Glasgow Building and Preservation Trust show that the buildings are the substantial core of a much more significant complex of structures.

This exciting project would entail the archaeological investigation of the landscape adjoining the surviving buildings to properly examine the origins of the existing Provan Hall.



Meanwhile, Friends of Tollcross Park are hoping for Lottery money to create a wetland area or lagoon adjacent to the burn that runs through the park. The plan is to develop an area, near the bridge that crosses the burn, to provide a habitat for birds and pond life. The Friends of believe this would attract more visitors, particularly school children to the park.

